(a) whether there has been any demand for extending 'Remittances in Foreign Exchange (Immunities) Scheme' beyond 30th November, 1991 the original closing date; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Remittances in Foreign Exchange (Immunities) Scheme, 1991 has since been extended upto 31st January, 1992 and a Notification to this effect has also been issued and laid on the Table of the House on 27th November, 1991.

Recovery of IDBI advances in schemes of Indirect Assistance

1787. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total advance of IDBI under various schemes of indirect assistance;

(b) what is the recovery rate with scheme-wise details; and

(c) what steps have been taken to augment the recovery rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) provides indirect assistance under its Refinance Schemes and Bills Rediscounting Scheme. The total loans outstanding under these schemes as on 30th of September, 1991 is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Outstandings
Refinance Schemes	204656
Bills Rediscounting Scheme	234015

(b) While the recovery rate under the Bills Rediscounting Scheme is 100 per cent, the recovery rate under Refinance Schemes has been between 99-100 per cent.

(c) Does not arise as the recovery rate for IDBI is perceived to be excellent.

Seizures by customs at Airports

1788. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of customs seizures of Gold, Silver and Narcotics from each of the major airports in the country during the current financial year and the market value thereof; and

(b) what is the manner in which these are being disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of seizures of gold, silver and narcotic drugs/Psychotropic substances effected by Customs authorities at each of the major airports located at Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras during the current financial year and the value of Gold and Silver and the quantity of different Narcotic drugs/Psychotropic substances seized are given in the table below: